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From: Overstreet, Anne [overstreet.anne@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/9/2020 7:47:46 PM
To: Mendelsohn, Mike [Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Oxitec Status in Florida - Draft Note for Your Review

Mike, does this capture the current status? Not sure I got the FDACs portion correct. I'm a bit confused on the difference between the July 21 and the July 14 meeting...is one the presentation and one a potential vote?

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Ed and Mike, we wanted to give you and update on the current position of The Florida Keys in their decision on the Oxitec EUP. As a reminder, FDACs approved the Oxitec EUP on June XX, 2020 and the Florida Keys is currently considering the approval in their county. They had a board meeting/workshop on June 23rd, to allow Oxitec to present and answer questions from the commissioners.

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The Commissioners said there would be another meeting in July were the public can have questions and answers etc., prior to the vote that is currently scheduled during the July 21st board meeting, but it could be pushed to the August meeting.

There is a public meeting scheduled for July 14. FDACs provided a link for the live stream feed. We plan to listen to the presentation.



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Subject: RE: Oxitec Status in Florida

Sounds good. Maybe a short note from Anne to Ed to keep him in the loop?

From: Mendelsohn, Mike <Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2020 10:36 AM
To: McNally, Robert <Mcnally.Robert@epa.gov>; Overstreet, Anne <overstreet.anne@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Oxitec Status in Florida

In my email, I asked her whether she had any updates she could share regarding Oxitec's EUP regarding the Mosquito Control Board's decision, public meetings and EPA participation. We had previously made verbal offers to help should FDACS want it. Her response provided a link to the livestream, but no request for help at the meeting. I think some of us should listen in.

From: McNally, Robert <McNally.Robert@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2020 10:23 AM

To: Mendelsohn, Mike <Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov>; Overstreet, Anne <overstreet.anne@epa.gov>

Cc: Bohnenblust, Eric <Bohnenblust.Eric@epa.gov>; Reynolds, Alan <Reynolds.Alan@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Oxitec Status in Florida

I think that is the correct path. So, you asked clearly if they needed us, and they did not respond?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: Mendelsohn, Mike <Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2020 10:20 AM

To: McNally, Robert <McNally.Robert@epa.gov>; Overstreet, Anne <overstreet.anne@epa.gov>

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The earliest they vote is at the July 21st board meeting, but it could be pushed to August. Since Amy didn't respond to my query re: EPA participation and this is now a local decision to which FDACS is in a supporting role, would it work for us now to wait to hear from FDACS whether they need more support? They do have our risk assessment and the power point from the briefing we gave them earlier.

From: McNally, Robert <McNally.Robert@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2020 9:45 AM

To: Mendelsohn, Mike <Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov>; Overstreet, Anne <overstreet.anne@epa.gov>

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So do we know when post July 14th they will have a vote and be ready to release if a positive vote? What do they need from us? I would share with her that Oxitec wants us to play a role for the July 14th event –is this still true???

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What do you all think?

Bob

From: Mendelsohn, Mike <Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2020 9:41 AM

To: McNally, Robert <McNally.Robert@epa.gov>; Overstreet, Anne <overstreet.anne@epa.gov>

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Subject: Oxitec Status in Florida

Update from Amy on Oxitec. No vote yet. Oxitec is still going through the process with the mosquito control board and there is a public meeting on July 14th that is being livestreamed.

From: Brown, Amy <Amy.Brown@fdacs.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2020 8:20 AM
To: Mendelsohn, Mike <Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Oxitec

Good Morning Mike,

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It looks like the public meeting is scheduled for July 14th. They do live stream the meetings if you are interested in watching.

The information for all the meetings are on their website. <http://keysmosquito.org/board-meetings/>

So in short no vote yet.

Thanks, Amy

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From: Mendelsohn, Mike <Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 9:22 AM
To: Brown, Amy <Amy.Brown@fdacs.gov>
Subject: Oxitec

Amy,

I hope you all had a nice 4th of July. I'm just checking in whether you have any updates you could share with me regarding Oxitec's EUP regarding the Mosquito Control Board's decision, public meetings and EPA participation. Thanks.

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